

that it will not require much examination to see that a new and complete catalogue will soon be among the indispensabilities.

Your attention is respectfully called to the dampness of the second and third tiers of library, damaging seriously many valuable books, notwithstanding I have removed and cleaned the books twice since in office. It is indispensably necessary to put board backs, well painted on both sides, in all those shelves, which it is believed will secure the books, and save a loss to the State of several thousand dollars worth of our Reports and other valuable books. This, with the fitting up of the remaining alcove and four closets, and the large passage on the third tier, will require an appropriation of (\$1,000) one thousand dollars.

AUGMENTATION FUND.

This fund was unintentionally omitted in the appropriation for 1863, which has very much embarrassed our augmentation of the Library. The law books, especially, have been very much needed; and in fact (\$2,000) two thousand dollars, would not more than bring up this important part of the State Library. The usual appropriation has been five hundred (\$500) dollars per year. You will at least, I trust, give us the appropriation for last and the present year, if not more.

STATIONERY AND BINDING.

I need scarcely call your attention to the fact of the great advance in the price of stationery, leather used in binding, and in labor. The appropriations for these purposes will, of course, have to be increased. The former appropriations will not pay the expenses in these items.

No effort on our part shall be spared to improve the Library, and preserve the books, pamphlets, and furniture in the best possible manner. Every facility I can render you, and any suggestions you may make, will be cheerfully given, and most thankfully received by your humble servant.

With great respect,

I am yours, &c.,

H. P. JORDAN,

State Librarian.

Mr. Frazier, from a select committee, reported favorably a bill entitled, "An Act to repeal the three hundred and seventy-fifth, and three hundred and ninety-sixth sections of article four of the Code of Public Local Laws, entitled 'City of Baltimore,' and relating to the inspection, weighing